

## **Element Performance Inspection (EPI)**

### **1.3.6 AD Management (AW)**

**Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility):**

To ensure compliance with Airworthiness Directives (AD's).

**Objective (FAA responsibility):**

To determine if the Air Carrier follows its AD Management policy and procedures.

**Specific Instructions for this EPI:**

To accomplish this EPI, the inspector should review the AD master records and verify the Air Carrier's records are accurate, complete, and current. Additionally, the inspector should review AD related documents, such as previous compliance with service bulletins, engineering orders, alternate means of compliance, etc. When possible, the inspector should conduct an AD compliance inspection on the aircraft, powerplants, propellers, and appliances.

**Related EPIs:**

- 1.1.1 Aircraft Airworthiness (AW)
- 1.1.2 Appropriate Operational Equipment (AW)
- 1.2.1 Airworthiness Release / Logbook Entry (AW)
- 1.2.2 Major Repairs and Alterations Records (AW)
- 1.2.3 Maintenance Log / Recording Requirements (AW)
- 1.3.1 Maintenance Program (AW)
- 1.3.2 Inspection Program (AW)
- 1.3.3 Maintenance Facility / Main Maintenance Base (AW)
- 1.3.4 Required Inspection Items (RII) (AW)
- 1.3.14 General Maintenance Manual / Equivalent (AW)
- 1.3.15 Reliability Program (AW)
- 1.3.17 Weight and Balance Program (AW)
- 1.3.19 Lower Landing Minimums (LLM) (AW)
- 5.1.1 Line Stations (AW)

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*To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks (at the inspection locations where applicable):*

1. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRR) included in the supplemental information section of this EPI.
2. Review the associated SAI, with emphasis on the Controls Attribute section.
3. Review Air Carrier's Airworthiness Directive (AD) Management policies and procedures.
4. When accessible, visually inspect aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, and appliances for AD compliance.
5. Review and assess AD records and related documentation.

*To meet this objective, the inspector will answer the following questions:*

1. Were the following performance measures met:

*1.1 The Air Carrier's records indicated that the aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, and appliances were in compliance with applicable Airworthiness Directives (AD).*

☐ YES  
☐ NO

**If no, explain:**

*1.2 Visual inspection verified the observed aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, and appliances were in compliance with applicable Airworthiness Directives.*

☐ YES  
☐ NO

**If no, explain:**

2. Were the AD Management procedures followed?

☐ YES  
☐ NO

**If no, explain:**

3. Were the AD Management controls followed?

☐ YES  
☐ NO

**If no, explain:**

4. Did records comply with the Air Carrier's AD Management policy and procedures?

☐ YES  
☐ NO

**If no, explain:**

5. <Deleted>

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**SRRs:**

- 14 CFR 39.3, “Airworthiness Directives, General.”
- 14 CFR 121.380 (a), “Maintenance recording requirements.”

**Other CFRs and FAA Guidance:**

- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 71, “Evaluate FAR Part 121 Operator’s Maintenance Records.”
- Refer to Advisory Circulars using a search engine (such as ATP Navigator or Summit).